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Interested in attending Wood Badge?
The 2023 Course is now open.

REGISTER TODAY



MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE

As we close out 2022, celebrate the various holidays of the season, and reflect on the past, I am proud of all that we've accomplished for Scouts, youth, and our community. More importantly, though, I am excited about our future, about what we will accomplish in 2023, and how Scouting will change the future.

Part of my excitement comes from adding a new member to our team just recently. For the first time in our history, Grand Canyon Council now has a Marketing Director. Collin Reed is a former Theodore Roosevelt Council Cub Scout and has now returned to Scouting to lead, grow, and support our marketing efforts. The work we've conducted with ASU and LAVIDGE will inform our direction and Collin's professional expertise will help us continue to grow and serve more youth in coming years.

I wish each of you the best of this season and am hopeful that you, and those who are special to you, are safe and healthy. Thank you for your commitment to youth and helping Scouts discover their paths and changing the future of Arizona through Scouting.

Andy

SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S CORNER



The Dave Alexander Leadership Plaza

December 4, 2022 Heard Scout Pueblo Phoenix

The next time you are at the Heard Scout Pueblo, take a moment to visit the statue at the Dave Alexander Leadership Plaza



On Sunday, December 4th more than 110 guests gathered at the Heard Scout Pueblo for the unveiling of "Ascending Eagle," a brand new bronze statue commissioned by Dave Alexander that celebrates girls in Scouts BSA. The artist, Jamie Lester, has crafted more than 30 sculptures, including 14 for the Boy Scouts of America. Many of his pieces for the BSA can be found at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, home of National Jamborees, in West Virginia.

During his comments, Jamie shared, "This piece was super exciting to create. I knew this had to be an active artwork with lots of energy and movement. As you approach the artwork, you experience a deeper perception of the work due to the symbols that become visually present in the design."

Jamie shared that some of the symbolism found in the work include:

Wings - are attached to the straps of a traditional Scout backpack. It provides

the "impression that the female Scout just picked it up and put it on, conveying the power and prestige of the Eagle Rank."

Rock - "symbolizes advancement or rising in stature." The front of the rock features the first line of the Scout Oath.

Torch - "commemorates the first class of female Eagle Scouts, and Ascending Eagle holds the burning torch high leading the way for future generations of Scouts."

Wind - "The wind is an important symbol in this work, representing the adversity that a Scout must overcome to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. The Hair, the flames of the torch, and even the shoelaces reflect this powerful force."

The next time you are at the Heard Scout Pueblo, take a moment to visit the statue at the Dave Alexander Leadership Plaza and contemplate what stories this impressive piece of art tells you.

DONATE A BRICK

The Dave Alexander Leadership Plaza

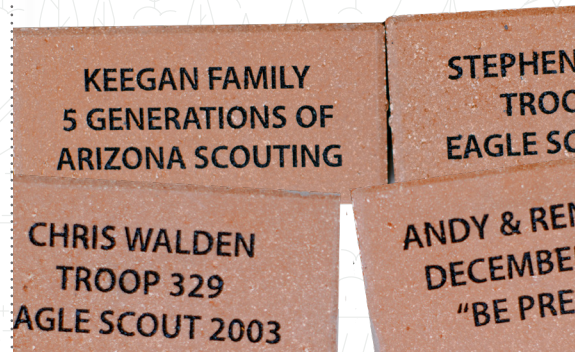
Planned improvements to the Heard Scout Pueblo over the next several years will transform it into a premier facility - "Adventure Base Phoenix" - offering Scouting programs and activities for Scouts and the community-at-large. It will include the headquarters of Grand Canyon Scouting, a Scout Shop, training facilities, and activity centers. The Heard Scout Pueblo will become the center of Scouting in Phoenix.

To help construct the leadership plaza and fund our master planning process, we hope you will join Dave and his vision by purchasing a commemorative brick, paver, or boulder in honor of a friend, family, fellow Scout or Scouter, etc., to be added to the completed project. All funds generated will be used to install the leadership plaza and help fund the master plan for Heard Scout Pueblo.

Thank you for all you do for scouting!

If you have any questions, please contact the Scout Office at 602-955-7747, ext 221.

[LEARN MORE](#)



WINTER HOMECOMING

HEARD SCOUT PUEBLO

Introducing Winter Homecoming

1. **The College of Commissioner Science**—The mission of the commissioner is to help units succeed. The CCS is a continuing education experience designed to equip commissioners with the newest training materials and the latest problem-solving techniques. This training is supported by a national syllabus and features a four-year program where participants can earn Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctorate Degrees. Lunch will be provided. Please make your lunch selections during the registration process and let us know if you have any allergies.

2. **Volunteer Teams Annual Conference**—This annual conference provides an opportunity for all council-level volunteers to gather, evaluate the previous year, discuss the strategic plan, set goals, and collaborate on future programming. After the Council President provides a strategic overview for 2023, our volunteers will break into the following groups:

- District Chair
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Advancement
- Training
- Cub Scout Program
- Scouts BSA Program
- NCAP
- Enterprise Risk Management

Program Support—Aquatics, COPE/Climbing, Fishing, High Adventure, Civic Service, Shooting Sports, Conservation/ Outdoor Ethics, First Aid & CPR

Lunch will be provided for the volunteer teams’ conference. Please make your lunch selections during registration and let us know of any allergies.

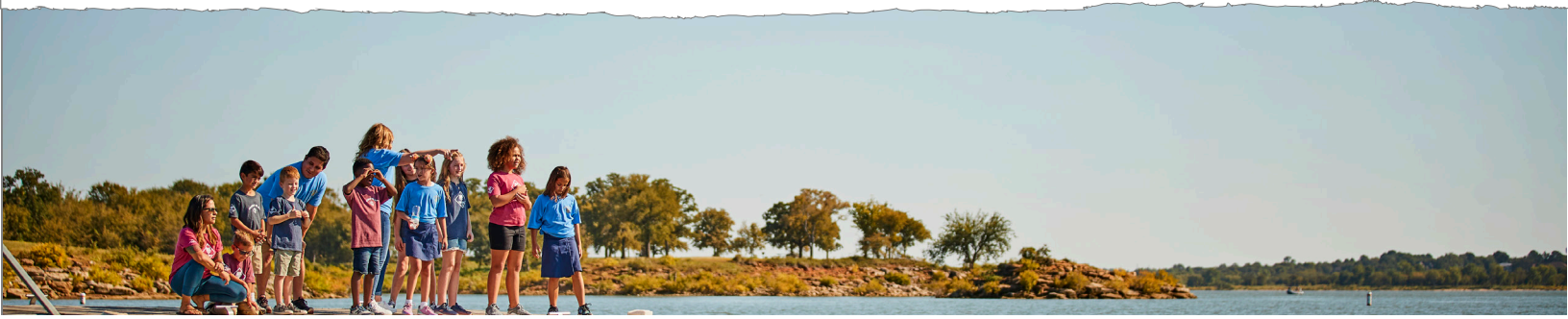
3. **Volunteer Recognition Event**—GCC is blessed with amazing volunteers who generously offer their time to support the Scouting program and inspire the next generation of leaders. Please join us in recognizing the previous year’s Meritorious Star, Silver Beaver, North Star, and Distinguished Star recipients.

4. **Camp Card Distribution**-- Come pick up Camp Cards for your unit in the Heard Scout Pueblo parking lot, from 1pm to 4pm. Please register so we can prepare the cards for distribution.

The collage features several coupons:

- Digi's:** \$100 OFF YOUR PURCHASE OF \$500 MORE. Includes a list of participating retailers like Best Buy, Target, and Home Depot.
- Bowlero:** 50% OFF BOW RENTAL. Includes a free appetizer with the purchase of an entree.
- Just Roughin' It:** 10% OFF REGULAR PRICED ITEMS. Includes a 2-hour parking pass for the price of 1.
- The Legal Beer:** FREE BATH WITH 3-NIGHT STAY. Includes a free rental with the purchase of a same-day rental.
- Del Taco:** BUY ONE "The Del Taco" Taco, Get One FREE.
- Arizona Hiking Shack:** 15% OFF RETAIL.
- Big 5 Sporting Goods:** \$5.00 OFF \$25 OR MORE.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BEGINS 12 PM IN THE NORTON AMPHITHEATER



How To Be A Better Mentor To Youth – Fostering A Mentoring Mindset

Positive youth development research shows that having at least one caring adult other than a family member to act as a mentor produces more positive youth outcomes.¹ As a Scout leader, you play an important role in being a supportive mentor for youth to achieve Scouting outcomes and have a lifelong impact on the trajectory of youth in your unit.

Effective mentor relationships have a common purpose with an eye toward the future. And, like many relationships in life, being a youth leader/mentor will have its ups and downs, moments of joy and moments of challenge. How you show up in these moments will have a large impact on the youth. Practicing the skills and approaches you need as a mentor to navigate these ups and downs will help you stay focused on the end goal of supporting healthy youth development and leadership.

So, let's first start with the foundation for fostering a mentoring mindset² – these are key elements that research has found will help you facilitate more meaningful mentoring relationships with youth:

1. **Be intentional (I see you)** – Always prioritize youth's needs and keep them top of mind. We all come to relationships with our own unique biases and ways of seeing things, but it is important as adult mentors to spend time reflecting on our own biases about what we want for the youth and to find out what the youth needs. Being a mentor is not about fixing, saving, or having all the answers. It is about listening, exploring, and seeking to understand how the young person sees the world and themselves so that you can provide guidance that is positive, non-judgmental, and respectful to youth and their families. If you find that your beliefs and motivations toward a youth or their family are grounded in negativity, make the decision not to mentor that youth and have someone else in your leadership team who can provide positive guidance – follow the Scout Law and do this in a

respectful manner to yourself and to the youth and their family.

2. **Be supportive (I got you)** – Be committed to being there for the young person you are mentoring, even when it is challenging. Check in with them, be consistent, follow through on promises you make, and hold youth accountable for following through on promises they make. Incorporate and model wellness, mindfulness, and coping skills to demonstrate the importance of taking care of yourself and others.
3. **Take a Developmental Approach (I'm here to help you grow)** – the core purpose of the Scouting program and your role in the program is the healthy and positive development of this young person. To foster their development:
 - a. **Consider a goal orientation** – talk with them about their Scouting and life goals and how they are doing in achieving those goals. What obstacles are in their way? How can they overcome these obstacles? What help do they need? What is next in their journey?
 - b. **Enlist other support members in their life** – talk with their parents or guardians and find out what they see as their youths' individual needs. Talk with parents about what you see and how you can work together with the Scouting program to help youth realize their goals.
 - c. **Be willing to grown and learn** – be open to new ideas and experiences. When you are having challenges in your mentoring role – seek out resources, tools and support that can help you as well as the youth. Recognize the young person as sources of knowledge, skills and information that can benefit your growth, so the relationship is bidirectional and lets the youth know they are valued.

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4. Be Communal (We are in this together) – care about all young people’s circumstances. Mentoring relationships are oriented toward thinking about and acting on what is best for a youth. However, to be most impactful it involves not only caring about the individual youth, but also contributing to the policies, practices, and environments that allow young people to thrive. Thinking about and intentionally building a supportive community within your unit, district, and council can help all young people have the meaningful relationships and experiences they need to thrive in Scouting and on their journey to adulthood.

For ideas on specific actions you can take to facilitate positive youth development as a youth program leader go to:

<https://www.search-institute.org/developmental-relationships/ideas-building-developmental-relationships/>

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Meet Seth Wilson, 2021 Meritorious Service Star Honoree



Seth Wilson is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 531 in the Pinnacle Peak District. As an Eagle Scout (2001) one

of Seth's favorite aspects of Scouting is "the giving back to our community while reliving the experiences I had as a Scout." Seth believes Scout Spirit is so important and is demonstrated through volunteering in the community and helping others. "As a youth, serving others gives them the opportunity to absorb more of what Scout Spirit really means, more than one may think." Being successful in a troop requires teamwork and coming together to accomplish the mission of the program and making it fun. Through Seth's leadership, Troop 531 has grown in numbers and Scout Spirit over the past few years, post Covid, due to a collaborative group of dedicated adult leaders and a strong program.

Seth has been involved with Scouting for over 18 years, moving through the ranks alongside his son; 5 years in Cub Scout as a volunteer leader from Tigers through Arrow of Light. There he also served as the Pack 531 Committee Chair. He then moved into Scouts BSA and served in several key adult leader positions from Scout through Eagle as Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, and a Key 3 Delegate. Seth's commitment to learning about great leadership is proven through the many hours of on-line and position specific training for the many roles he has served in his Units. Seth says that his favorite part of Scouting is, "being able to share the experience with

my son and his friends." (What could be better than that?) In addition, Seth has earned several training awards while in the Cub program, the Veteran Award for serving 15+ years in Scouting, as well as receiving the William D. Boyce Organizer Award for creating new units in his district.

We had a chance to ask Seth to share his Scout experiences with us ... from a young Tiger Cub through earning his Eagle and beyond. Please enjoy his journey ... and the impact Scouting had on his life then ... and the impact on others today:

"Scouting has always been a big part of my life, starting in 1st grade as a Tiger Cub with Pack 70 in Muncie, IN. Our Pinewood Derby cars were built and raced on the same evening, teaching us that we'd better be prepared with a plan to be fast, look good, or both, and have all the materials we would need for the evening. My first campout as an Arrow of Light Scout was during the winter with a foot of snow on the ground and a low temperature of -11. I knew if I could survive that weekend, that the rest would be easy, and I've loved camping since."

"I crossed over into a long established Troop 22 where we had many adult leaders that worked together to provide many opportunities for us that I would not have otherwise had. I attended summer camp at Camp Ransburg in Bloomington, IN over five summers, and experienced high adventure trips including whitewater rafting on the New and Gauley Rivers in WV, a 50 mile canoe trip through the Adirondack Mountains in NY, and a National Jamboree in 1997. It was during

the Jamboree that I was honored to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, an experience I will never forget. I was also a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and was on staff for a few Section Conclaves. I earned the rank of Eagle in 2001."

"It was because of the hard work and planning by my adult leaders in Troop 22 that I was able to have these great experiences, and that's what drives me as a volunteer today. I had fantastic role models in my troop, and I want my son and all of our Scouts in Troop 531 to have the same or better experiences that I had as a Scout. Attending summer camp at Camp Geronimo last year brought back a lot of memories of my summers at camp, re-energizing my desire to work harder to help provide opportunities for our troop. It's fulfilling to see our boys excited about meetings, campouts, and other outings, and to know that I may have had one small part in helping provide that experience."

Thank you Seth for sharing your Scout journey with us! Thank you for your love, dedication and appreciation of the Scout Program. Thank you for helping each of us see and understand the impact of Scouting on you, starting as a Tiger Cub and the adults who positively influenced you over the years – and today your giving back to your community the great program and benefits that Scouting offers today's youth. It is for these and so many reason, that you heartily deserve the honor of receiving the Meritorious Service Star! Congratulations Seth and thank you for being such an incredible inspiration to all of us! Scout On!

PINEWOOD DERBY OPEN SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Boy Scouts Grand Canyon Council partners with Barrett-Jackson Westworld of Scottsdale to host an action-packed Pinewood Derby Open benefiting local Scouting Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Barrett-Jackson!

[RACETOScouting.COM](https://www.racetoscouting.com)

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TITLE SPONSOR \$5,000

- Three Pinewood Derby Cars
- Name and Logo on select recognition item

TROPHY SPONSOR \$2,500

- Two Pinewood Derby Cars
- Name and Logo on select recognition item

PINEWOOD DERBY SPONSOR \$2,500

- Two Pinewood Derby Cars
- Name & Logo on signage

PIT AREA SPONSOR \$1,000

- One Pinewood Derby Car
- Name & Logo on signage

PHOTOGRAPHY SPONSOR - \$1,000

- One Pinewood Derby Car
- Name & Logo on signage

STARTING LINE SPONSOR - \$500

- Name & Logo on signage

FINISH LINE SPONSOR - \$500

- Name & Logo on signage

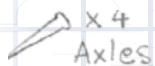


WHY SPONSOR WITH US?

The Boy Scouts of America's Grand Canyon Council partners with Barrett-Jackson Westworld of Scottsdale to host an action-packed Pinewood Derby Open in support of local Scouting! Rev up for the open on Saturday, January 21, 2023, in Barrett-Jackson's pre-staging lanes.

Scouting benefits its members, their communities, and the future by helping youth build character, learn about the world and grow into inspired leaders. Before the Scouts' races, Barrett-Jackson will kick off the Derby Open hosting a Corporate Pinewood Derby! Funds raised at this event stay local, and support Scouting at the Grand Canyon Council BSA.

This is a unique opportunity for event sponsors to connect with like-minded professionals committed to youth-focused initiatives. The Grand Canyon Council is proud to have a diverse and inclusive audience, and we strive to make each year even better than the last! Your generous contribution will help us successfully extend our mission.



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PINEWOOD DERBY OPEN & AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

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FREE ADMISSION FOR SCOUTS IN UNIFORM | JANUARY 21 | BARRETT-JACKSON AUCTION

The Boy Scouts Grand Canyon Council partners with Barrett-Jackson Westworld of Scottsdale, hosting the Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge and an Action-Packed Pinewood Derby Open benefiting the Grand Canyon Council BSA! All Scouts in uniform (youth & adult) and children under

12 years old get in for free! \$10 ticket passes are available for non-uniformed family members with promo code AZSCOUTS23 on Saturday, January 21, 2023, only at the Barrett-Jackson auction Westworld of Scottsdale. Register and purchase tickets today at racetoscouting.com

PINEWOOD DERBY OPEN PRE-STAGING LANES

- \$25 Per Person to Race, Includes a customizable car kit!
- Pinewood Derby Open heats at 11:00 AM, 12 NOON, and 1:00 PM.
- The top four racers from each heat are invited to participate in the finals at 2:00 PM at Barrett-Jackson's pre-staging lanes.

AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

- \$25 Per Person to Attend
- Open to all Troops (ages 11-18)
- Two Merit Badge classes available:
Morning session begins 9:30 AM
Afternoon session begins 1:30 PM
- Scouts must bring blue cards

Note: Scouts participating in the Pinewood Derby Open will need to register for the afternoon Merit Badge class.



The Grand Canyon Council BSA is seeking individuals interested in joining a committee that would recruit sponsors to partner with us and help run races and/or merit badge workshops. Contact Nikki White at nikki.white@scouting.org or call (623) 203-6201 for more information.

Grand Canyon Council BSA National Scout Jamboree 2023



July 15-28, 2023



2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE
JULY 19-28, 2023

SIGN UP TODAY!





Merit Badge Workshops

Visit each registration for prerequisites, fees, and additional information. Take the time to read each of the requirements and understand what we will be covering.

- [Personal Management](#)
- [Citizenship in the World](#)
- [Personal Fitness](#)
- [Scouting Heritage](#)
- [Citizenship in the Nation](#)
- [Stamp Collecting](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)

Advancement for Troop Leaders & Parents

Registration is open for the virtual Advancement class made for Troop Leaders and Parents. This class goes beyond what is taught in the BSA online training; it is ideal for existing unit leaders and committee members, soon to be unit leaders or committee members and those who are responsible for administering advancement for a troop. It is also open for Parents who want a fuller understanding of Scouts BSA advancement. View the subjects covered and register today!

Open Shoot at the Heard Scout Pueblo

Shooting Sports workshops occur monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Got questions? Contact, Gary Jordan, at garyinlaveen@yahoo.com

- [Open Shoot for Rifle and BB Gun](#)
- [Archery Open Shoot](#)

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NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS



SCOUTING FOR FOOD



February 2023 Phoenix

An estimated 1-in-8 Americans do not have enough food to eat each day. Help us ease the pain of hunger in our local community by supporting the Scouting for Food Campaign

Scouting for Food is the leading service program for Boy Scouts of America and is a part of the national BSA program – Good Turn for America. Many people do not have the privilege of eating a warm meal. The Scouting for Food campaign involves initiatives to help fight hunger,

right in our community! Find out how to help at <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/food/> or subscribe to The HUB for updates at <https://gcc-hub.org/>

GET STARTED



R-C Cub Scout Resident Camp

June 2023 R-C Scout Ranch

Cub Family Adventure Camp at R-C is the premier Cub Scout Resident Camp in Arizona!

Get ready for your Cub Scout voyage! The ideal summer program opportunity for Cub Scouts, their families, and leaders to work on rank advancement and outdoor skills, participate in Cub Scout activities, and enjoy the great outdoors! **Sign up by April 1 and get a camp t-shirt with your registration!**

REGISTER NOW

2023 Geronimo Summer Camp

June 2023 Camp Geronimo



Welcome to Camp Geronimo 2023! We are excited to offer the following programs this year: Youth Merit Badge Program, Brownsea Island Program: First-Year Camping Experience, Fast Track (for those who attend w/o their unit, we provide the leadership), Fish Camp, Spade Ranch High Adventure, Geronimo DIY, Drone Flight School, and Counselor in Training!

REGISTER NOW



The 2022 DUTY TO GOD HIKE Was a Big Success!

November 25, 2022 Downtown Phoenix



The 27th Annual Duty to God Hike was held in downtown Phoenix the day after Thanksgiving, November 25, 2022. Over 150 people joined in the event, with most walking just over 6 miles to various houses of worship and special stops. Many thanks to our presenters for talking about their assigned Commandment and their faith tradition. It was truly an inspiring day!

Please join me in thanking:

Mr. Lee Shedroff, Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center; Pastor Phil Gustafson, Grace Lutheran Church; Brother Scott Slattum, OFM, St. Mary's Basilica; Mr. Bill Gerard, Arizona Lodge #2, Free and Accepted Masons; SKC Robert Hoach, Jr. USN Retired, USS Arizona Memorial; Cantor Baruch Koritan, from Temple Beth Shalom, Ten Commandment Monument; Pastor Stephen T. Cung, Phoenix Chin Bethel Church; Major Robin Bottjen, Salvation Army, Phoenix Citadel Corps; Mr. Tommy Cannon, Great AZ Puppet Theatre.

Special stops included the museum at the Cutler-Plotkin Heritage Center; the

presentations in Wesley Bolin Plaza adjacent to the Anchor from the USS Arizona and the Ten Commandment Monument, a self-guided tour of the Arizona State Capitol and a wonderful puppet show created just for the Hike at the Great Arizona Puppet Theatre. Many thanks are also extended to the Masonic Lodge for providing the space for our lunch and religious emblems displays.

Sincere gratitude is extended to our team for planning and carrying out a great event: David Gironda, Sr. and Kathleen Polowski---Hike Coordinators, Mark Davis---Hike Leader; and Jose Amorin, Janice Edwards, Rachel Davis, and Jordan Pendergrass.



Save the Date!
November 24,
2023 is the
date for the
28th Annual
Hike. Interested

in learning more about the Religious Activities Committee? Please email Kathy Polowski, Chair at kpolo55@gmail.com. We would love to have you as part of our team!

SAVE THE DATE! Scout Sunday Celebration

February 5, 2023

The Religious Activities Committee is planning a Council-wide Scout Sunday celebration for all Scouts on February 5, 2023. Scout Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the birthday of BSA and our Duty to God, a key tenet of the Scout Oath and Law. More details forthcoming in the January Council Connections Newsletter!



Bethlehem Peace Light

Brief History

The Peace Light, symbolic of the Light of Christ born to the world, especially evident at Christmas, *is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among all people of the world regardless of race, ethnicity or creed.* For several decades, the International Scouting movement of boys and girls have actively promoted global peace and harmony through the distribution of the Peace Light.



The "Peace Light from Bethlehem" campaign was originally organized by the Austrian Broadcasting Company - ORF (Linz) - and was part of a large charitable relief mission - *Light into Darkness*, for children in need in Austria and abroad. Since 1986, and especially after the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe in 1989, there has been a great deal of cooperation between Scouts and Guides in many countries which has allowed the light to travel throughout Europe, such that the light is passed in over 30 European Countries and for the past 20+ years to America, Canada and Mexico.

Picture of place where Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Israel.

Each year, safety permitting, a child from Upper Austria travels as a pilgrim to obtain the flame from the grotto at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Israel where Jesus is believed to have been born. This flame was lit from the candles at the place of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem in November of this year. The Light travelled back to Austria and on December 5, it was flown overseas and landed in New York. The Peace Light travels across the country as volunteers, many of whom are dedicated Scouters, take the flame to each other. This year, it arrived in Arizona on December 12, 2022.

In past years the light has been presented to Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev, former King Hussein of Jordan, EU President Romano Prodi and other member of the European parliament, Military Chaplains, the Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral in NY, to the families who lost children at Sandy Hook, Connecticut, and to many places around the United States. Scouts presented the Peace Light to the president of the Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky on December 14, 2022 in Kiev.

The Peace Light is a symbol of hope.

Please contact Kathy Polowski at kpolo55@gmail.com or call 480-730-8640 to learn where you can obtain the Peace Light.



WOOD BADGE

Interested in attending Wood Badge?
Registration for the 2023 Course is now open.

REGISTER TODAY

NRA Basic Rifle & Certified Rifle Instructor Course

Jan. 1, 2023 Heard Scout Pueblo

Intended for BSA Registered Leaders conducting Rifle Merit Badge and other BSA Rifle activities. National BSA policy states that all firearms instruction and shooting activities shall be conducted under the supervision of an NRA instructor. You should have experience and be comfortable with Rifle shooting.

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BSA Climbing Instructor Level 1 Training

Coon Bluff Campground

This training is for leaders, committee members, parents, and youth over 16 yrs old wanting to initiate or renew the BSA Climbing Level 1 certification. To receive an instructor certification card, you must participate in all sessions, demonstrate climbing activity training & supervision and pass a practical skills assessment.

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Leave No Trace Trainer Course

March 2023 Heard Scout Pueblo



Participants will receive hands-on training in Leave No Trace skills, ethics, and the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace in both

classroom and outdoor environments. Participants are required to attend all sessions, give a Leave No Trace presentation/demonstration (topic to be coordinated prior to course), and camp overnight. Graduates of the course will be recognized as Leave No Trace Trainers within the BSA and with the Center for Outdoor Ethics. Graduates will be able to conduct Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops and may assist on future Leave No Trace Trainer courses.

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Short Term Admin Camp Training

March 4, 2023 Heard Scout Pueblo



The Grand Canyon Council BSA is hosting a Short Term Camp Admin Training, on March 4, 2023, at the Heard Scout Pueblo.

All Scouters who intend on organizing, leading, assisting, or conducting any one, two, or three-night camping events on behalf of their district, Council, or OA are encouraged to participate. **Scouters who joined us in 2020 will need to re-certify.**

REGISTER NOW

Council-Wide Virtual Roundtable

January 5, 2023 Zoom Meeting



Mark your calendars for the next Roundtable coming up on January 5th!

We will have the following breakouts for you to attend: Spring Recruitment, Camp Cards Pack & Family Camping Opportunities, and Pinewood Derby Expert Build Tips.

You won't want to miss it!

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Training Records

Are your training records up to date? You can go to my.scouting.org, select my "training" from the menu, click on "completions" and see what training courses you have completed. Your Key 3 has the ability to update your training record. Just give the proof of completion, along with the date the training was completed. Your district training chair also has the ability to update your records.

Note: This only applies to in person training. They do not have the ability to adjust online training records. For online discrepancies, you would need to contact [Kathy Coleman](#) at the council office.

New Eagle Scouts in Central District

Central District Welcomes 6 New Eagle Scouts for December



Central District successfully boarded six new Eagle Scouts on December 15th, hosted at the Phoenix VA Medical Center. From L to R we welcome Ian M. from Troop 127 (Hope Women’s shelter shelving), Lucas L from Troop 6 (Feeding Students US garden beds), Brandon R. from Troop 244 (James Madison Prep drywall insulation), Luca B. from Troop 6 (Saguaro High trees and plants), Stefan A. from Troop 441 (Washington High

astro turf and basketball court update), and Sana F. from Troop 329 (Phoenix Baha’l Center meditation garden).

Thank you to our district and volunteer board reviewers, and to our parents and adult Scouters who showed up to support and celebrate these young men. Congratulations Scouts for your countless hours of hard work!

Central District Awards Recognition Dinner

February 4, 2023
St Simon and Jude Cathedral
6351 N 27th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85017

Central District Volunteer Recognition Dinner with Special Guests: Tom Curzon, Council President, Lord Baden Powell (George Canellos) and Stories from Eagle Scouts. You don’t want to miss it!

This event is a Scouting for Food Drop Zone.

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CAMP GERONIMO ENDOWMENT FUND



ENSURE HIGH QUALITY CAMPING
FACILITIES & OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

CAMP MAINTENANCE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Grand Canyon Council has a strong commitment to ensure high quality camping facilities and outdoor adventures are available to all Scouts and desires to continue the operation of Camp Geronimo long into the future. Through the establishment of a permanently-restricted camp maintenance endowment fund, stakeholders can help cover the annual operating costs related to the operation of Camp Geronimo without ever decreasing permanent gifts made to this fund.

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RECOGNITION

- Donors who contribute \$250 or more will receive a GEF council shoulder patch
- Donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be invited to an annual picnic at Camp Geronimo

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